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Merion Territory to Narberth

Township Awards District at Meeting Wednesday

Action on the assignment of fire territory which has been under discussion for some time was taken up by the Township Commissioners Wednesday night.

The Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution submitted by Chairman Mackey, of the Police and Fire Committee, which allotted South Merion, which has been given joint fire protection in the past by the Bala-Cynwyd and Narberth fire companies, to the Narberth fire force.

The action was taken at the insistence of Burgess Carl B. Metzger, of the Borough of Narberth who appeared before the Commissioners at their last meeting and asked them to define the territory they expected the Narberth company to cover and intimated that if such action was not taken immediately by the Commission the Narberth borough government would withdraw its company within the borough limits, leaving township companies to take care of the territory in the immediate vicinity of Narberth which it had been covering.

Mr. Metzger offered the services of his company to the Commission free of charge and announced that it would seek no appropriation from the township. What was wanted, he pointed out, was merely a clear definition of territory in order that the Narberth company might know what residents it was entitled to approach for contributions for support.

Several years ago arrangements were made by the Merion Civic Association to secure fire protection from both the Bala-Cynwyd and the Narberth companies for the south side of Merion. Both companies consequently sought contributions from this section. As a result residents of South Merion were in the enviable position of being able to tell the Bala-Cynwyd company that they had already contributed to the Narberth company when its solicitors arrived and of telling the Narberth contribution seekers that they had given to the cause of Cynwyd when they came.

The situation irked officials of both companies and attempts were started over a year ago by Financial Secretary Harold K. Schoff, of the Union Fire Association of Cynwyd, to have the Commission assign the territory definitely to one company. The Commission, however, was not moved to action in spite of repeated pleas, until Burgess Metzger took up the matter from the Narberth end.

Bala-Cynwyd directors are highly satisfied that action has finally been taken, despite the fact that the territory was ceded to Narberth. Said Financial Secretary Schoff when informed of the decision of the Commissioners: "The Commission is to be congratulated at arriving at a decision. As for giving the Merion south side to Narberth, experience has shown that the Narberth company because of its nearer location can answer alarms the other side of the railroad quicker than the Bala-Cynwyd company which must go out of its way to cross either the Bowman avenue bridge or the bridge at City Line avenue, Overbrook.

"As for financial contributions the duplication of efforts in the territory by both companies has made it hard to get membership subscriptions. We had only 80 members on the south side which means only a loss of \$400. This is not serious."

The resolution reported out by the Fire Committee and approved by the Commissioners also gives the Narberth company a slightly larger bit of territory to cover north of Montgomery avenue between Meeting House lane and State road, than it had before. Fire Chief Charles V. Noel, of the Narberth Company, is given the same authority within these sections covered by his company as township chiefs are given in theirs.

The resolution will be presented to Borough Council for ratification at their next meeting.

The agreement reached between the township and borough permits either party to withdraw upon giving the other 30 days' notice.

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COMMUNITY CLUB

To Entertain Women's Organizations.

The members of all the women's organizations of Narberth are invited to spend the afternoon of Tuesday, December 30, 2:30 o'clock, with the Community Club. Business discussion will be omitted, and the time given up to a program of entertainment. The Bryn Mawr Women's Club is to present a play, which is reported to be very clever and humorous.

There will be orchestra music, holiday decorations and a social hour, when everybody may compare Christmas gifts and have a chat. It is hoped that there will be an extra large turn-out of members and guests.

HANGING ROCK PRESENTED

With impressive ceremonies held at the Gulph Church Friday afternoon the overhanging rock at Gulph Mills was formally presented to the Valley Forge Historical Society by Irvin P. Knipe, in behalf of Mrs. J. Aubrey Anderson, the donor, of Upper Merion township.

Several hundred attended the exercises at the church and later the unveiling of the bronze tablet which has been placed on the historic rock. While the large throng stood along the road, little Miss Mary Carona Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Aubrey Anderson, removed the flag which covered the bronze plate. The tablet, with the seal of the Valley Forge Historical Society, bears the following inscription:

"George Washington and the American army passed under this rock on the march to Valley Forge, December 19, 1777. The overhanging rock was presented to the Valley Forge Historical Society for perpetual preservation on December 19, 1924."

While the throng stood with bared heads Rev. John Barrett, pastor of the Gulph Church, invoked the Divine blessing. The unveiling ceremonies were short.

In presenting the deed to Rev. W. Herbert Burk, D. D., president of the Valley Forge Society, Mr. Knipe termed the rock the "gateway to Valley Forge."

The ceremonies were begun by singing several stanzas of "America." This was followed by prayer by Mr. Barrett. After the presentation by Mr. Knipe and the speech of acceptance by Dr. Burk, J. Aubrey Anderson made an address in which he brought out many interesting historical points about Washington and his army while at Gulph Mills, furnishing conclusive proof that while at Gulph Mills Washington decided to make Valley Forge his winter quarters in that memorable year, 1777.

Mr. Anderson rapped the interests that would have torn away the rock, so that "progress" might not suffer, and stated that "at all costs" the rock must be saved, even though it would become necessary to bridge the creek.

The exercises at the church closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Barrett.

Dr. Burk, on behalf of the Valley Forge Historical Society, presented an insignia to Mrs. J. Aubrey Anderson for her kind gift.

To Usher in New Year.

The New Year will find the members of the Narberth Tennis Association on their toes to extend a hearty and noisy welcome. Elm Hall as usual will be the scene of the annual New Year's Eve dance of the Narberth Tennis Association which will be held Wednesday evening, December 31, and Thursday morning, January 1.

All who have attended the previous dances and all who have heard about them won't care to miss this affair which promises to be the best dance of the season.

Elm Hall will be beautifully decorated, Mike Fisch and his orchestra will play till daylight if necessary and the usual surprises have been arranged for by the committee, headed by Jack Wine.

If you haven't received your tickets—get busy. Elm Hall can accommodate only a few of the many who will want to be present. The Narberth Tennis Association takes this opportunity to wish every one a Merry Christmas and promise you a lively New Year's Eve.

Narberth Colorful On Christmas Eve

Candles in Windows and Carolling on Streets

The Christmas spirit reigned in Narberth this week. Every home and every store reflected the atmosphere of the season.

There were many stacks of Christmas trees along Haverford avenue for a fortnight previous, and the windows of the stores were all gaily bedecked.

Wednesday night Narberth observed its beautiful custom of lighting candles in the windows. In most of the homes of the borough the windows facing the street held one or more tapers. Despite the dampness without, many residents walked through the streets to observe the display.

The lighting ranged all the way from single candle patterns to complicated designs, involving candles, wreaths and colored bulbs. More than ever before this year residents lighted trees out of doors.

In over a score of yards, where there was an evergreen shrub near enough to the house, a Christmas tree was arranged. Particularly on upper Haverford avenue, the brightly colored trees cheered passing motorists.

The Christmas Eve Sing was well attended, considering the very inclement weather last Wednesday. One hundred people gathered in Narbrook Park about the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Mahl, from which the beautiful community Christmas tree was in full view.

The program was conducted by Dr. Elim A. E. Palmquist, of Narbrook Park. Following the community sing, Rev. Sheridan Dawson offered a prayer, after which Rev. John Van Ness gave a Biblical reading.

An address was delivered by Rev. Robert E. Keighton, making his subject: "What Do You Want for Christmas?" The subject was so adequately handled that to report it here would serve only to detract from the fullness of the thought he expressed.

In closing Dr. Elim A. E. Palmquist thanked the people for the interest shown, in the name of the Women's Community Club and the Narbrook Park Committee. He wished all a Merry Christmas, in the words of Tiny Tim, "God Bless Us, Every One!"

The singing of the hour was directed by Mr. and Mrs. George B. Mahl.

The tree will be lighted during the holidays and stands in the centre of Narbrook Park. The town owes a vote of thanks to those mentioned and to Mrs. A. B. Ross, civic chairman of the Community Club, who secured the co-operation of the Burgess, Mr. Carl B. Metzger, and the support of some of the local organizations.

Through an error the name of the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church was omitted in last week's paper, as one of the organizations assisting.

We hope for more typical Christmas weather next year, so permitting all our townspeople and their guests to join in a Christmas Eve Sing under the light of a similar Christmas tree.

Miss Jessie Lubkin, of Washington, D. C., spent Christmas with the Newmakers, of 107 Dudley avenue.

JUNIOR NOTES

Girls Send Christmas Cheer to Orphanage.

At the regular meeting of the Junior Community Club last week it was decided to send a little Christmas cheer to an orphanage near Hatboro in the form of filled stockings. The girls bought three dozen pair of stockings, rolling the one stocking and putting it in the toe of the other and filling it with toys, fruit, nuts, etc.

Are you going to Elm Hall Saturday night to dance to the strains of the music by the Seagrave's Collegians? Tickets may be obtained at the door.

We had a very pleasing program at our last club meeting. Mr. Jefferies read Dickens' Christmas Carol to us and Augusta Withrow sang.

BACK AGAIN

Former Resident on Visit Here—Cub Also Returns.

Charley Humphreys, looking like a prosperous Kentucky colonel, blew into town the other day. He came up from his Eastern Shore home to find a market for his constantly increasing egg crop, and tell us about his wonderful plantation on the banks of the Tred Avon. I don't have to identify Charley, excepting to newcomers in Narberth, and for the benefit of these I will state briefly that he is the man who put "berth" in Narberth, having held, among other well-paying political berths, the offices of president of Council and Commissioner of Public Works. With what he laid aside from the proceeds of these lucrative jobs, he bought a big farm down in the corn and rye (no Scotch, however) belt of Maryland. Here in the beautiful colonial mansion which he built, he entertains his friends practically the year round. Of course, he works, too, but it is a tradition with Charley that his guests come first and must be shown the true Southern hospitality, with which mere labor should not be permitted to interfere.

Another thing which Narberth's new citizens should know is that the famous Humphreys Boulevard (Haverford avenue between Narberth and Essex) was laid by Charley some years ago. If that isn't an enduring monument, nothing can be.

A reminder of the fact that our ex-Com. is a farmer came to me yesterday when I noticed his crest on a couple of egg crates in front of Howard Cotters' store.

His poultry yard is Charley's pride. He has about a thousand Leghorns and Wyandottes, which produce an average of 400 eggs per day. Charley is an easy boss and doesn't work the chicks very hard, or he might be getting 50 per cent better production. He is about to double the size of his egg plant and is building additional pens or stables or whatever you call the houses where fowl are boarded. As a matter of fact, he has room to build a mile of these chicken hotels without perceptibly reducing the area of his tillable acres.

He makes four express shipments of eggs to Narberth every week. We shall pardon him for his egg-otism when he says they are the freshest eggs that come into Narberth. He may not be eggs-aggerating, at that. Eggs gathered by him one day are usually in Narberth the next. This sounds like egg propaganda, but Charley was so enthusiastic about his eggs that I believe I caught the fever and am full of the subject—or will be if he sends me enough to do the trick.

During the season of 1925, our Charley and "Home-run" Baker, one of his neighbors, will attempt to make a winner out of the team representing Easton in the bush league down there.

Our ex-Burgess, Carroll Downes, now president of the Liberty Bank, New York City, and a powerful voice in Durant circles, has bought a small place down that way, but hasn't gone in for chickens as yet, although he is watching Charley's operations with considerable interest. This all ought to be good news for Narberth folks, because it means that when any of us feel like spending a week-end on a Maryland farm, where game, fish, Star motor cars, eggs and other things abound, we have two places from which to choose.

My purpose in writing this is to inform Charley's many friends that he is in better health than ever, and he says it's because of the fresh eggs. That's eggs-actly what he says, and—well, if it didn't sound too much like advertising—I would advise those who are looking for fresh eggs and good health to try the Humphreys brand, at Cotters.

"CUB."

Engagement Announced.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Doris Huff von Culin, of 504 South Narberth avenue, to Mr. George Doehne, 3d, of Harrisburg, Pa. The marriage will take place in late summer after the graduation of Miss von Culin from Abbot Academy, Andover, Mass.

UNDEFEATED TEAMS MEET

Local Boys Favored in Match Thursday.

Thursday evening, January 1, the two undefeated leaders of the Main Line Church League will do battle on the floor of the Narberth Junior High School "gym." The local representatives, the red and white quintet of the Narberth Epworth League, will have a tough time subduing the fast passing five from the Ardmore Presbyterian Church. However, one neutral "dooper," who has seen both teams in action, favors the local boys; and forwards the belief that they will down the Ardmore lads.

The Ardmore team is composed of a host of college and High School stars. Stillwagon, star last year of the Penn State Freshman team, will be the centre of the visitors' offensive attacks. He will be aided by Speirs and Ruddick, both former Lower Merion stars. "Mary" Bevan, former Lower Merion captain, is looked upon as the visitors' strongest defensive man. He will be aided by Ruddick, former Penn athlete.

Against this formidable array of stars the local team will place their regular combination, Eddy Purring and Bob Savill, forwards; Ern Jenkins, centre; Bill Heard and Yocum, guards.

As a capacity crowd is expected the game will not start until 8 o'clock.

FAVORS SHORT SESSION

Assemblyman Ludlow Says Legislature Wastes Too Much Time.

"The General Assembly is in session entirely too long," and wastes too much time between its weekly meetings, in the opinion of Benjamin H. Ludlow, member of the State House of Representatives from Montgomery county. Representative Ludlow, who served in the 1923 session during which he sponsored the Ludlow parole law, now in operation, and a proposed county tax revision law, which failed of passage, was re-elected this year for the 1925 session.

Urging a short session next year, Representative Ludlow declared, in an outline of his views on Legislative matters, that "while it is true there will be complications having to do with ways and means and appropriations, two consecutive months of hard work will do the trick, and the public will be no better and certainly no worse off if the job is done quickly, instead of spreading the agony out over several months."

Outlining a plan which he holds would be workable, Mr. Ludlow said:

"1. On Monday, January 5, 1925, there will be the usual caucus of House members to select a Speaker, and of Senators to choose a president pro tem. The following day the Legislature will convene, formally organize and could then adjourn until Monday, January 12, to permit of the appointment of the usual committees."

"2. On Monday, January 12, the Legislature meets for business and could immediately pass a joint resolution fixing as the last day for the introduction of bills, Thursday, February 19, and the day for adjournment Thursday, April 2, thus permitting 37 days for the introduction of bills and, in all, eight days after January 17 for the consideration of all Legislative business."

"3. This would necessitate, after approximately the first of February, weekly session from each Monday night to the following Thursday morning, inclusive, so as to permit the necessary advancement of bills on the calendars."

"A short session would save the State many thousands of dollars."

"The lengthy session of 1923 was largely due to the advent of a new administration, which was not prepared for weeks to submit its desires to the Legislative body."

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Jacobs are entertaining as house guests, during the holidays, Mrs. L. B. Elliott, Miss Martha Bishop, Miss Elizabeth M. Mowers and Mr. Raymond L. Mowers.

Boroughs to Collect County Taxes In The Future

Will Make Local Job a Remunerative One

The office of borough tax collector in Montgomery county should prove one of the most remunerative in the future, and a coveted prize in the political arena.

Some one has discovered an act of Legislature which makes a change in the manner of collecting county and State taxes. Hereafter the treasurer of Montgomery county will not be the collector of State and county taxes from persons and properties in the 25 boroughs. The various tax collectors in the respective boroughs will be the receiver of the State and county taxes, between June 1 and Sept. 15 of each year, acting in the first and second class townships. But the borough collectors must file with the county a bond in a sum sufficient to cover the amount of the total State and county tax duplicate to be placed in their hands.

Furthermore, they will, hereafter, also be the gatherers of the delinquent State and county tax in their respective boroughs in the same manner as the collectors in the first and second class townships.

A recent act of the legislature makes the change, which will mean a financial loss to the county of fully \$10,000 each year.

As to Remuneration.

The county treasurer has been collecting the State and county taxes in the 25 boroughs of Montgomery county, at no cost to the county, other than incidentals by reason of clerk hire, etc., on the last days of the time limit to avoid a penalty to the taxable. Inasmuch as the new duplicates for both State and county taxes must now be placed in the hands of the borough collectors, it will mean that the county must give these collectors the same remuneration as the township collectors are receiving, namely 2 per cent of the amount of the tax. This added income to the perquisites of a borough tax collector will mean that the job in Narberth will be vigorously sought after.

Incidentally, the development of this change made by the legislature has placed the county officials in a quandary as to the disposition of the lists of delinquent 1924 State and county taxes with the result that none of the tax delinquents have been called upon, as yet, to meet the requirements of the law. It has been the practice for years to place delinquent lists from the various boroughs in the hands of Delinquent Tax Collector Wm. S. Dickerson, under a blanket bond covering all the duplicates. His compensation has been the 5 per cent penalty imposed and the costs incurred in making the collections. The results have been all that could be desired, in that the final exemptions were small in number and amount.

1924 Not Taken Over.

To comply with the recent act, the 1924 delinquent must be tendered to the various borough tax collectors. However, before they can take over these lists to make the collections for the 5% penalty, they will have to file a bond with the county to cover the total of the delinquent total. So far none of the borough collectors have indicated a willingness to go to the expense of placing such a bond, with its attending costs, for the small return they will receive from the 1924 delinquent list, for in addition to the cost of the bond, they will also have delinquents. In most cases of delinquents the amounts are small, representing the personal or poll taxes, and these are chiefly due from the women. Very few realty holders have left unpaid county and State taxes. So that, in many of the boroughs the job is not acceptable, at this time to the borough tax collector. In the end, it looks as though the county officials will have to let the 1924 delinquent county and State tax list take the usual course and eventually assign the task to Mr. Dickerson.

Lower Merion Instance.

Of course, the 1925 county and State tax list will have to be as-

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Legionnaires of Two Counties to Meet at Lansdale.

World war ex-service men from 19 communities of Bucks and Montgomery counties will gather at Lansdale on Thursday night, January 8, in the largest meeting of the veterans of the '17-'18 conflict ever held in this section.

The assemblage is known as a "hub meeting" and is the first for this district. The idea is to instill a closer feeling of co-operation among the posts.

The meeting has been called by Charles W. McGinnis, a past commander of the William E. Hare Post of Lansdale. He is a district deputy commander. Deputy Commander McGinnis has appointed Stewart Nase, of the Hare Post, chairman.

One of the features of the "hub meeting" will be the presence of the Bristol Post of Bucks county, with its crack degree team.

Federation Pamphlet.

The Christmas leaflet recently sent out by the Social Service Department of the Federation of Churches has met with a most generous response by the community. Many are giving money to provide for special things, such as coal, milk and tutoring, rather than the more stereotyped Christmas basket.

The annual report to the regular subscribers of the Federation of Churches will be sent out later in the year and published in the local papers.

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After the New Year Revelry

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239 HAVERFORD AVENUE

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NARBERTH

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HI-Y CLUB BOYS

Guests of Y. M. C. A. on Thursday Afternoon.

Twenty-nine of the leading boys from the Lower Merion High School met in the Y. M. C. A. on Thursday afternoon to complete plans for the organization of a Lower Merion Hi-Y Club. The boys interested in the starting of this Hi-Y Club are all leaders in the school activities and are bound together under the leadership of Mr. F. D. Peake, of the University of Pennsylvania, who is the Hi-Y secretary of the Ardmore Y. M. C. A. Their object is to promote clean speech, clean thinking, clean athletics and wholesome living among the students. Mr. W. M. Danner, Jr., spoke to the boys about the responsibility of leadership in the new enterprise. Mr. Peake outlined the program of activities for the weekly meetings of the new club. Mr. Pennypacker pledged the school's co-operation and expressed his appreciation of the interest the boys are taking in the worth while things at school. The Y. M. C. A. served refreshments to the group which then adjourned to its first regular meeting to be held in January.

The desire for this club was greatly stimulated by the presence of Ivan Gould and Herbert Slaughter at the recent Older Boys' Y. M. C. A. Conference in Lewistown where they were delegates from Lower Merion High School.

LOCAL SCOUTS

To Be Among the 2000 at County Reunion at Academy.

Two thousand Boy Scouts of Delaware and Montgomery Counties will take part in the annual round-up and reunion in the Academy of Music, Saturday afternoon. Director Butler will attend. Friends and relatives of the Scouts have been invited. For years the annual affair has been staged in the Manufacturers' Club, but owing to the increase of scouts a larger place was necessary.

Following a parade from Broad and Arch streets, led by the bands of the Philadelphia Police and Fire Departments, the scouts will assemble in the Academy. One hundred prize winners in the past two months will occupy the front rows. The newly-organized Boys' Harmonica Band, anaerial tumbling act from a local theatre and monologuists will assist.

The scouts will assemble Saturday morning at the Young Men's Christian Association, Broad and Arch streets, and will be assigned to hike to important civic centres, a tour which will include places of historical and educational interest. Several of the larger manufacturing plants will be visited. The boys will return to lunch at the plaza and will then form by districts with the troop flags and the national colors at the head of each squadron.

A number of boys members of local troops will be among the scouts attending the reunion.

The advertising columns form a directory of progressive merchants. Refer to them often.

BUILDING OPERATIONS

For November Show Drop But Still Lead Those of Last Year.

A drop in building operations over the previous month was reported by Building Inspector C. E. Rahn in his report of November operations made to the Township Commission last week. Despite this decrease, November operations of the year are ahead of those for 1923.

Said Mr. Rahn in his report: "Eighty-three permits have been issued for the month of November, covering eighty-eight operations, at an estimated cost of \$457,560,000.

"We have also filed thirty sets of plans relating to the above work. Mr. Vincent, assistant inspector, reports having made 132 visits of inspection during the past month.

"Quite a number of plans are in the office awaiting examination, so the year bids fair to be a record-breaker.

"The figures in detail are shown below:

GENERAL SUMMARY			
Character	Permits	Cost	
Private dwelling	24	\$308,100.00	
Twin dwellings	1	10,000.00	
Alterations and additions	15	12,800.00	
Private garage	24	19,075.00	
Business building	3	24,500.00	
Industrial building	1	65,000.00	
Shelter shed	1	2,225.00	
Heating system	2	4,190.00	
Wiring system	5	1,195.00	
Moving building	1	7,000.00	
Shedding down	2	3,400.00	
Sign	1	25.00	
Chicken house	1	50.00	
Totals	83	\$457,560.00	
DISTRICT SUMMARY			
District	Permits	Cost	
North Ardmore	9	\$43,300.00	
South Ardmore	23	136,500.00	
West Ardmore	4	1,875.00	
Bala	3	77,500.00	
E. Bryn Mawr	7	29,275.00	
W. Bryn Mawr	1	120.00	
Cynwyd	3	11,450.00	
General Wayne	7	19,150.00	
Haverford	4	40,400.00	
Merion	12	89,000.00	
Merion Square	2	5,800.00	
Pennycyl	6	1,100.00	
Rosemont	2	2,000.00	
Totals	83	\$457,560.00	
Total November	83	\$457,560.00	
Previously reported	799	7,028,009.00	
Totals to date	882	\$7,485,569.00	
Corresponding period '23	767	6,245,688.00	
Increase		115 \$1,239,881.00	

INDICTMENT SECURED

"Beware of solicitors for 'fake' Automobile Associations!"

That is the warning issued by the Keystone Automobile Club which has received numerous complaints regarding the activities of this type of grafter.

"An indictment has already been obtained in Montgomery county against one of these so-called insurance companies or protective associations and another has closed its Philadelphia office, leaving no trace of the whereabouts of its officials.

"During the past year thousands of automobile owners have been swindled by various organizations and associations using such titles as auto accident companies, mutual auto associations, co-operative associations and leagues of this or that," states J. Maxwell Smith, executive secretary of the club.

"The system used by the representatives of these organizations is to call upon the automobile owner and upon ascertaining that he does not carry insurance on his car, attempts to sell him something that on the face appears to be either insurance, service or protection.

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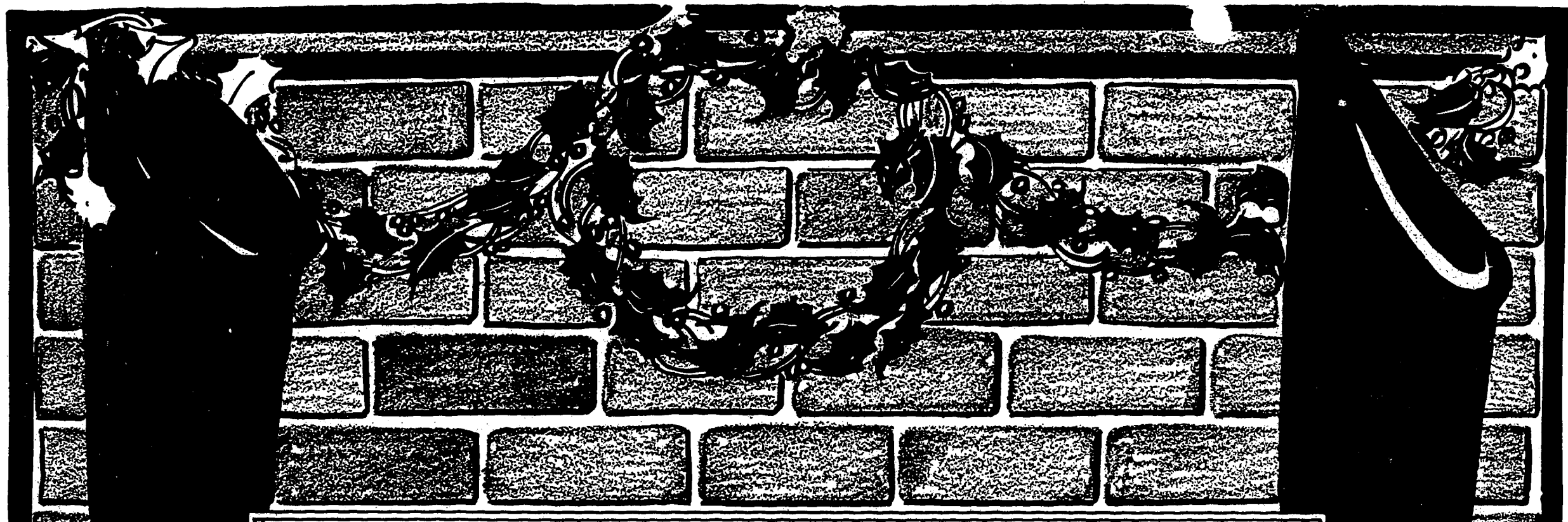
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1925 New Christmas Club

OPENED MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1924



In line with serving our friends, the public, in all possible ways, we are again conducting our Christmas Club for the convenience of everybody.

Weekly deposits are made through the year. In early December the entire principal, increased by interest, is paid back at a time when it is most welcome.

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TERRITORY TO NARBERTH

(Continued from the First Page)

A prophecy that the Bala-Cynwyd-Merion section of the eastern end of Lower Merion township is about to see a building boom that will make it grow with strides rivaling those of West Philadelphia in the early days of its enormous and rapid expansion was made by Building Inspector C. E. Rahn.

The reason for this boom, the inspector intimated, was because building lots in West Philadelphia urban area had been exhausted and the big realty operators had jumped across the township line and into this territory.

In support of his theory Inspector Rahn told the Commissioners that his office had issued permits the past year for operations totaling \$8,000,000, which is over \$1,000,000 more than last year and that the majority of these permits had been for operations in the Bala-Cynwyd-Merion and Ardmore territory of the township.

So active was the building and so numerous were the operations undertaken that the fees turned in enabled the building committee to turn back to the township \$1400 of its \$10,000 appropriation. This is the largest amount that has ever been turned back to the Commission by one of its committees.

The fees total \$9000. This plus the appropriation enabled the building committee to turn over \$2500 to the Zoning Commission for its research work; pay office expenses and salaries and still have a surplus.

What Cynwyd Thinks.

While the officers of both the Narberth and Bala-Cynwyd companies are glad that the matter is settled, the active members of the Union Company are much wrought up, as witness the following article in yesterday's issue of the "News of Bala-Cynwyd."

A storm of protest has arisen from the firemen of the Bala-Cynwyd-Merion Company against the action of the Township Commissioners last week in awarding the South Merion district to Narberth for sole fire protection and a committee has been appointed to appear before the Commission to request reconsideration of the action.

Members of the Board of Directors of the local company, among which there are several South Merion residents, have also become interested and indications are that the protest may be taken before the Fire Underwriters and to the State government at Harrisburg.

The firemen of the Cynwyd company are up in arms over the shearing action because of the intense rivalry which has always existed between them and the Narberth volunteers. They consider the allocation of South Merion by the Commissioners to Narberth as a violation of their rights, and invasion of their territory and take the matter as a personal affront.

The directors of the Union Fire Association while they do not join the active members in their vehement denunciation of the powers that be are keenly interested in the matter because they fear that strict adherence to the mandate of the Commissioners may cause them to lose their State charter which stipulates that the Bala-Cynwyd Company must supply fire protection to the communities of Bala, Cynwyd, Merion and that part of Overbrook which lies in Montgomery county.

The Board is also interested in that part of the Commissioners' ruling which allots to Narberth territory north of Montgomery avenue, two and a half miles away from the Narberth fire house. Part of this territory which is near West Manayunk is much closer to the Cynwyd fire house and as insurance rates are based upon the distance of a house to a fire company and to the nearest fire hydrant observers are predicting that the action of the Commission may send insurance rates kiting in the district affected.

The whole affair, which is characterized as a bit of petty political conniving, was taken up in detail at a meeting of the Active Members' Club, which is composed of the volunteer fire fighters, and at the monthly session of the Board of Directors of the Fire Association, both of which were held last week.

The Active Members' Club after condemning the allotment of South Merion to Narberth at its meeting on Monday, selected one of its fire captains, William Horning, to appear before the directors and enter protest on behalf of the volunteers. The Board receiving the protest appointed a committee of three, the chairman of which is the president of the Active Members' Club to appear before the Commission and request a reconsideration of the

action. This committee consists of Messrs. Conrad Hettenbach, chairman; Arthur H. Clevenger and William Horning.

The origin of the Cynwyd-Narberth scrap goes back several years when the Merion Civic Association requested both the Bala-Cynwyd and the Narberth company to respond to first alarms from South Merion. The Cynwyd company which was giving fire protection at that time agreed to the admission of Narberth to the territory, but friction soon arose between the two when both of them went into the South Merion district to solicit money to conduct their respective organizations.

Constant efforts were made the past year by the Cynwyd financial secretary, Mr. Harold K. Schoff, to get the Commissioners to allot the district to one company or the other, but no action was secured until Burgess Carl B. Metzger took up the request from the Narberth end.

A month ago he went before the Township Commission and offered the Narberth Fire Company to them for such service in the township in territory adjacent to the borough of Narberth that they might see fit. Such service, the burgess informed the Commissioners, was to be free of charge; that is, no yearly appropriation from the township was expected. But the offer was made with the stipulation that a definite statement be made of the territory which Narberth was expected to cover. Failing to secure a definite assignment of territory by the first of the year the burgess threatened to withdraw his company within the borough limits. Such action would mean another fire company would have to be organized to help give protection to the eastern end of the township and failing in that fire insurance rates would possibly be sky-rocketed in certain sections.

Mr. Metzger's threat secured action where Mr. Schoff's requests had failed. Two weeks after the burgess appeared before the Commission Chairman Clifford Mackey, of the Police and Fire Committee, reported that definite assignment of territory had been made to Narberth and that South Merion would be allotted to it for sole protection. A week later at the meeting of the Commission, on December 17, the report of the committee was accepted by the Commission without a dissenting voice.

The only financial benefit that Narberth gets out of the agreement with the Commissioners is the right to do the sole soliciting for money and members in the territory assigned it. This, however, the active members of the Cynwyd Company with the rich South Merion district in mind seem to think quite a plum.

While the justice of Narberth's claim to South Merion because of its nearer proximity was admitted, doubt was expressed that the Commissioners could arbitrarily hand that section over to the borough company and exclude the Cynwyd one. It is pointed out that the Cynwyd charter granted by the State stipulates that the Bala-Cynwyd Company must give fire protection to the communities of Bala, Cynwyd, Merion and Overbrook.

There is a question that the Fire Underwriters may not approve of the Commissioners' action in giving Narberth the West Manayunk territory to protect, which is nearer to the Cynwyd Company.

The Bala-Cynwyd Fire Association has been informed that South Merion has been allotted to Narberth, but no official notice has been given it.

"The only way to settle the whole question of district rights," said Mr. Schoff in commenting on the squabble, "is to have a centralized fire alarm system with an operator on duty day and night. Then an alarm could be relayed to the company nearest the fire. But that won't be possible for some time yet."

Unworried apparently by the action of the Commission in taking South Merion away from Cynwyd, the company in holding their annual election of officers elected two South Merion men to office. One was Mr. Fred W. Brill, who was made vice-president. The other was Mr. George Pettinos, who was elected to the Board of Directors.

The engagement has been announced of Mrs. Helen G. Ohl, of Chestnut avenue, to Mr. Vestus J. Spindler, of Philadelphia. The announcement was made at a dinner given by Mrs. Ohl on Christmas day to guests from Narberth and Trenton.

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COUNTY SCHOOL HEAD

Is on Tour of Rural Schools with District Director.

Prof. A. M. Kulp, county superintendent of schools, and his assistants, Prof. W. D. Beyer and Ralph R. Smith, are on a tour of the various schools in the rural sections.

The county educational heads reported conditions, this year, as being splendid. Good progress is being made in the advancement of courses in the township institutions, there is a better grade of teachers than at any previous term, and the attendance records are unprecedented.

Much of the increasing interest in the rural schools is due to the fact that the parents' co-operation has resulted in the introduction of instructive as well as entertaining features.

Another State department visitor in the county is the district director, William S. Taft, who was one of the speakers at the recent school directors' association gathering.

Among the high schools inspected by Mr. Taft are West Telford, Kulpville, Ambler and North Wales. He sends a written report of his visit with his recommendations for the school to the principal of the school or the secretary of the school board upon his return to his office in Harrisburg.

He will continue his tour until he has completed a survey of every high school in the county.

COUNTY LICENSE NO. 40,000

Goes to Norristown Couple—First One Issued in 1885.

The honor of receiving Marriage License No. 40,000 in Montgomery county was, on Monday, by chance awarded to a Norristown couple—William Hall and Mabel Snowden, both of 145 Ann street.

License No. 1 was awarded to I. Heston Todd, line manufacturer, Upper Merion and Anna B. Pauling lady, both over 21 years old, on October 3, 1885, by Edwin Schall, clerk of the Quarter Sessions Court. They were married three days later on October 6, by Rev. Isaac Gibson, late rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Norristown.

At the time applicants for a marriage license had to answer but 19 questions. Today each applicant must answer 54.

DECREASE IN DISEASE

But Ten Cases of Chickenpox for South Ardmore This Week.

Ten new cases of chickenpox are reported in the South Ardmore district of the township this week by Health Officer Marvin E. Reynolds, of the Board of Education. This is a decrease in this district where this disease has been prevalent in virulent form the last month.

One case of chickenpox and three of whooping cough are reported for the Bala-Cynwyd district. This section with that of Merion still maintains its clean bill of health.

South Ardmore has one case of typhoid fever and Gladwyne has one of scarlet fever. There are 24 new cases in all reported in the entire township.

Cold Wave Brings Skating.

The cold wave this week brought the first skating of the season.

Suburban ponds froze during the night Monday and around noon several were ready for skaters. The pond of the Merion Cricket Club at Ardmore was one of the earliest opened. There also was skating on the Port Reading Pond, Ardmore Junction.

Lakes in Fairmount Park froze, but the ice was not strong enough for skating the first day. There was a thin coating of ice on the Schuylkill river above the dam, an unusual condition in December.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Houston, of Wynnewood avenue, entertained a house party over the holidays, when the guests included Mr. Gavin Nelson Houston and daughter Martha, of Lethbridge, Ont., Canada; Miss Lydia Lathrop, of Canterbury, Conn.; the Misses Lillie, Martha and Jessie Houston, of East Orange, N. J., and Mr. Laurence R. Houston, of Baltimore. At dinner they also entertained Mrs. William Livingston, Miss Margaret Livingston and Mr. Philip Livingston, the Misses Alice and May Davis and Mr. J. C. Davis, all of Narberth.

Ann Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Williams, of Merion avenue, celebrated her fourth birthday on Christmas day with a party, attended by over a score of friends.



WHITE'S LIFE OF WILSON

First Impartial Biography of War President Now Available at Library.

William Allen White, the famous Kansas editor and liberal, is the author of the first biography of Woodrow Wilson that does not reveal a strong bias of prejudice either for or against its subject. Mr. White's natural sympathy with the ideals of Wilson enables him to portray and explain them sympathetically, but as a Republican, he also has a sufficient detachment to be able to expose Wilson's faults without wishing to detract from the merits of his real achievements. This book has been purchased by the Community Library and is now available for all readers.

Everyone who is interested in biography will want to read this book and also all others who followed as interested contemporaries the unusually rapid rise and equally sudden decline of Woodrow Wilson in our national life. White shows many inconsistencies in the Wilson character and in a somewhat whimsical way he attributes them to the eternal conflict of the Irish and the Scotch bloods which were mingled in his veins. It is somewhat surprising to have Woodrow Wilson, whom most of us have considered as a rather dour Scotch Presbyterian, treated in the role of a sunny light-hearted and light-witted Irishman. Yet White shows with entire plausibility that Wilson was more often Irish than Scotch and that it was not until the Scotch in him had entirely supplanted the Irish that he committed those fatal errors of judgment which led to his downfall.

There was much discussion and secret whispering about Wilson's private life, particularly during the 1926 Presidential campaign and in 1919 when his enemies in the Senate were employing every possible means to assassinate his character, prestige and leadership. It is an interesting fact that the unfriendly biographers have been unanimous in their endorsement of the purity of Wilson's private life. Mr. White goes into that phase of the subject in detail and indicates that he conducted his investigations with a thoroughness and determination which would have caused him to print the truth as he found it no matter how unwelcome it might be. White also endorses Wilson's private character.

One of the most interesting chapters in the book contains a stenographic report of a verbal statement which Joseph P. Tumulty made to White in reference to his first contact with Wilson and the circumstances which led up to their final break. It is obvious that Tumulty did not include in his statement his own inferences, which might be troublesome to persons still alive, but the reader is able to draw whatever inferences he pleases.

This biography wisely does not attempt to determine whether Wilson will become one of the permanently great figures in American history. It is a valuable contemporary account of the man as he was and doubtless will be regarded as a valuable source book by future historians who will be better able to state whether Wilson was one of the world's great figures. Wilson's fame is permanently tied up with the ultimate success and achievements of the League of Nations. If that continues to grow and to extend a beneficent influence over the affairs of mankind, Wilson's fame will be assured. The reverse is also true.

Narberth Hunters Bag Deer.

A party of hunters consisting of P. J. Newmaker, Edward S. Haws, Sam K. White, of Narberth; George Odiore, of Glenolden, and J. R. Pick, of Philadelphia, have returned from a deer hunt in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania.

They report having seen quite a number of deer on the ridges and in the valleys beyond the Juniata. Each of the party succeeded in bagging a deer, except Mr. Peck. The trip was made by automobile.

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COMMISSIONERS TO SELL

Lot Wanted by Ardmore as Site for Park to Get Money for Buildings.

Setting on foot a movement to get the co-operation of Matthew Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church and of the Lower Merion Y. M. C. A. to eliminate the sharp angled turn on Argyle road into Lancaster avenue, commissioners of Lower Merion, at their meeting last Wednesday night, took action that may bring the complete sale of the township property known as the Becker lot early next year. Ardmore residents and the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce have been agitating for a park on the site.

The plan of the commissioners, apparently unopposed by the three representatives of Ardmore, is to sell the entire property, including the section along Athens avenue where some Ardmore residents had hoped they might obtain a park for this community.

The only question in the minds of the commissioners seemed to be as to whether any sale made should be private or an advertised public sale, and it seemed finally to be the consensus of opinion of the members that the public sale is to be preferred.

The snags in the title to the big, irregularly shaped property, it was announced, have been straightened out. It was William H. McMorin, of Pencoyd, who brought the matter up, and Dr. Seidel, of Bryn Mawr was the first to mention the Ardmore park idea. Discussion of it was avoided beyond a remark of one of the commissioners that he had no objection to a park for Ardmore, but thought all the money from the sale of the property should be turned into the township treasury to be applied toward the erection of the new township building.

The Y. M. C. A. several years ago bought a small lot facing on Lancaster avenue and adjoining that of the Methodist Church. That was when the association was considering plans to erect its new building at that point. This plan has since been abandoned in favor of the site at Montgomery and Anderson avenues.

Any correction of the "sharp corner" condition at Argyle and Lancaster avenues would depend upon the co-operation of the Y. M. C. A. and the Methodist Church trustees.

Frank J. Floyd, chairman of highways, advised the commission, at the request of W. A. L. Barker, its president, that his committee has spent \$307,000 this year for highways.

"We should have \$500,000 next year and for four years after that to handle the situation properly," Mr. Floyd remarked.

"Well, let's hope you get it," was Mr. Barker's consoling reply.

J. J. Skelton, treasurer of the township, reported that outstanding taxes for 1922, 1923 and 1924 amount to \$74,456.

PERVERTED PROVERBS

Sayings With Twisted Meanings—"Tinker's Dam" Not Swear Word.

Many of the proverbs in constant use are obviously nonsense. Others have a certain point, although it may be very different from that which first made the expression full of meaning, says London Tit Bits. We talk of a thing not being worth a "rap," but probably we never realize the force of the saying until we know that R. A. P., in Indian account stands for Rupees, Annas and Pice, just as we use £, s, d in English.

There was one a similar expression—"not worth a tinker's dam." A "tinker's dam" is a wall of soft clay raised round a spot which a plumber wants to fill with solder. As the material of the dam is thrown away after use, the meaning of the saying was clear. Now its origin is so little remembered that we often hear of something not being worth a tinker's "curse."

One of the best known proverbs is "A miss is as good as a mile." It is possible that the original proverb read: "Amis is as good as Amile." Amis and Amile were legendary soldiers of Charlemagne, and, besides being great friends, were considerably like one another in appearance. They were famous as the heroes of a widely-known old song. Later they entered into the traditions of the church and were invoked differently. Hence the proverb.

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AUTHOR'S BLUNDERS

Noted Detective Says Delineators "Learn the Ropes."

Authors, as a rule, try to get the correct details of the subjects upon which they write, but errors sometimes occur in their works which betray to initiated readers the fact that the writers are profoundly ignorant in some respects. This is nowhere better illustrated than in stories involving criminal plots and detective action, says former Chief Inspector Ernest Haigh, of Scotland Yard, in London Answers.

Frequently an otherwise excellent story is spoiled by the author, who, in writing up the details of a burglary somewhere in the country, makes one of his character phone to Scotland Yard for a detective to undertake the inquiry into the case, refusing to call in the local police for some reason or other.

As a matter of fact, no one can demand the service of Scotland Yard beyond the limits of the Metropolitan Police District, except the Home Office, the Director of Public Prosecution, or the chief constable of the local police, within whose jurisdiction the crime has occurred, and then only in specially difficult or serious cases.

Another stumbling-block, especially for young writers, is that remarkable personality, the private detective, who miraculously deduces, from thin air, evidence of the guilt of some culprit, whom he proceeds to arrest. No private detective has power of arrest at all. I have, on several occasions, been much amused by reading of detective officers who, after solving some mystery, proceed to call in a policeman to take the culprit into custody. I've known of thousands of arrests, but never one like this.

A little while ago I was reading a detective story in which the author made a murder the central point of the tale. It was, as usual, surrounded with all kinds of mystery; but at length everything was straightened out, and the truth was revealed. Then the detective went to a magistrate for a warrant to apprehend the murderer. Why? A murder is a felony, and arrest for felony needs no warrant!

Warrants, by the way, are a trap for unwary writers, who seem to regard them as a useful and necessary adjunct to a police officer's equipment. Some authors give to their detective a sort of open warrant, upon which he can, at will, arrest anybody.

This is all wrong. Warrants can only be issued against specified individuals, named or described on a sworn information properly drawn up and deposited with the magistrate. The latter has the power to refuse a warrant should he consider the facts do not disclose sufficient evidence to justify arrest.

This brings me to another point. There are certain times when a warrant alone justifies forcible entry into a house, but if a police officer has reasonable ground for believing that a felony is being committed in any premises he is empowered to enter, by force if necessary, without warrant and act.

Receiving stolen property is a felony, yet I know of a writer who suffered two detectives to be certain that this was being done in a house they were watching, yet they were unable to move in the matter because they had no warrant.



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sumed by the borough collectors, who, in consequence, will begin their duties on June 1, when the county and State taxes fall due, instead of waiting until July 1, when the borough taxes are due.

It will be remembered that it was a similar change in the law with regard to township tax collectors receiving the county and State taxes, instead of the county treasury, that has made the tax collectorship of Lower Merion, the highest remunerative post in this county, with those in Cheltenham and Abington close seconds. These three officials have a greater income than the judges of the courts.

The berth of tax collector in Lower Merion is the most profitable in the county. It is worth at least \$12,000, although many believe Joseph Skelton, Jr., of Cynwyd the incumbent, receives in legal fees or commissions of the office from \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year, and the term is four years.

There are said to be twenty-two candidates for the Republican nomination for this berth. The nomination and election will take place next year.

Mrs. Carrie A. Harrison, of Newburgh, N. Y., is spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Cooke, of Lanthwyn lane.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hagerly, of Merion avenue, with their daughter, Ann, are spending the holidays at Pittsburgh.

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